

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 9-10, and 13-14 are in the application.

Claims 1, 7, and 10 have been amended to incorporate the limitations from Claim 13 and/or Claim 14.

Claims 13 and 14 have been amended for clarity.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 7, and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Vasudevan, U.S. Patent No. 5,776,883. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants have now amended Claims 1, 7, and 10 to incorporate the limitations from Claim 13 and/or Claim 14. Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot.

Claims 1, 7, and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Carter et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,711,740. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants have now amended Claims 1, 7, and 10 to incorporate the limitations from Claim 13 and/or Claim 14. Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 7, and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vasudevan, U.S. Patent No. 5,776,883. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants have now amended Claims 1, 7, and 10 to incorporate the limitations from Claim 13 and/or Claim 14. Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot.

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Claims 1, 7, 9, and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,634,544. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants have now amended Claims 1, 7, and 10 to incorporate the limitations from Claim 13 and/or Claim 14. Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that Claims 13 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have now amended Claims 1, 7, and 10 to incorporate the

limitations from Claim 13 and/or Claim 14. Applicants thus submit that all claims are now allowable.

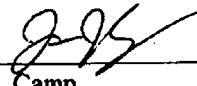
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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